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Lieutenant Colonel D. N. Otis, USMC
Program Director
The Armed Forces Council
937 Court & Customs House
1114 Market Street
Saint Louis, Missouri

Dear Colonel:

I have purposely delayed answering your letter of 21 October 1948 so that I could attempt to arrange something definite concerning the kind invitation for me to appear before the Armed Forces Council in January. However, even now I cannot give you a definite answer, and I think that in order to proceed with your program you should count me out of any appearance in January. The way things are going I may not be in the country, and, even if I am in the country, it appears at this time that we are going to be so very busy in January that I doubt if it would be possible for me to attend the Armed Forces Council meeting.

Thank you very much for considering me and perhaps at some future time we may be able to have this presentation.

With very best wishes, please believe me,

Sincerely,

Very cordially yours

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Rear Admiral, USN
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